eligible Institutions/Organisations for providing training in various trades.

(iv) Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana being implemented by Ministry of Rural Development helps create self-employment opportunities in rural areas. Under the scheme at least 50% of the total Swarozgaries will be SCs/STs.

(v) Under the Coaching and Allied Scheme, financial assistance is provided to Pre-examination Training Centres for preparing ST candidates for competitive examinations.

(vi) Various training programmes are also being run by different Ministries/ Departments to promote employment opportunities for STs.

(b) No such demand has been brought to the notice of this Government.

(c) The measures taken for employment, education and vocational training of tribal youth is expected to wean them away and help them obtain gainful employment.

Tribal Development Programmes in Manipur

496. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the tribal districts of Manipur have not taken up any programme of tribal development due to non-release of tribal welfare fund from Centre for the year 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of funds released to each State of North-Eastern region for tribal development?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) the grants-in-aid released to North-Eastern States during the year 2000-2001 by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs is as under:—

(Upto 20/2/2001)

S. No.	Name of the State	Rs. in lakhs
1.	Assam	3493.65
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	186.14
3.	Manipur	1933.56

(Upto 20/2/2001)

S. No.	Name of the State	Rs. in lakhs
4.	Meghalaya	951.04
5.	Mizoram	408.17
6.	Tripura	996.97
7.	Nagaland	1670.70

Directive Regarding Earthquake Resistant Houses in Urban Areas

†497. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH "LALAN":
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued specific directive to construct earthquake resistant houses in the country, particularly in urban areas;

(b) if so, whether any research and investigation have been conducted in respect of such type of houses; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Government had set up an Expert Group on Natural Disaster Prevention, Preparedness and Mitigation having bearing on housing and related infrastructure. The Group submitted its report in early 1998. In this report, the mapping of disaster prone areas and the level to which houses in various districts were prone to risks, had been brought out alongwith guidelines necessary to improve hazard resistant construction of buildings and land use zoning. An outline of the report is enclosed as Statement.

Excerpts from the report were sent to the State Governments in May 1998 with the request to examine the recommendations of the Expert Group and devise an action plan, for disaster mitigation. The States have since been reminded.

Statement

Outline of the Report

PART-1: TECHNO LEGAL ASPECTS OF EARTHQUAKE, WINDSTORM AND FLOOD HAZARDS AND LAND USE ZONING

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.